



Celebrating Canada's 150 Birthday

Respecting the Environment and Sustainable Trail Development

Canada's Sesquicentennial Anniversary of Confederation will be a year-long celebration in communities across our great nation throughout 2017. As the big year approaches, COHV is joining the celebration.

COHV and its member companies are inviting the ATV and ORM provincial federations to join us in building/refurbishing motorized recreational vehicle trails in each province across Canada.

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Let's leave a lasting legacy that will show Canadians we are proud of our accomplishments and what it takes to build an off-highway vehicle (OHV) trail that's both fun and sustainable during Canada's 150 year celebration.

Sustainable Trail Development

Sustainability means using, developing and protecting resources in a manner that enables people to meet current needs and at the same time provides for the needs of future generations from the joint perspective of environmental, economic and community objectives.

Trails that adversely impact their environment will not only have a low appeal for their users but will also have a high maintenance cost to clubs, federations and supporting agencies. Trails should be designed with consideration both for their environment and for their users.

What do we mean by sustainable? The trail design should minimize the ecological impact of the trail and should retain the trail's basic stability and shape though time without abrupt changes recognizing that there are both the human and natural forces at work on the trail surface. The concept of sustainability also recognizes that appropriate maintenance and management are also necessary. Front-end planning of a trail corridor will result in a more efficient trail review and ultimately a safe, enjoyable and sustainable trail for ORM, ATV and ROV enthusiasts.

The National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) recently published *Great Trails: Providing Quality OHV Trails and Experiences*. The guidebook – sponsored, in part, by the Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Distributors Council – is a definitive guidebook about planning, designing, constructing, managing, and maintaining great Off-Highway Vehicle

(OHV) trails. Applicants are encouraged to consult *Great Trails* for ideas on how to enhance the sustainability of trails. Free versions of *Great Trails* can be downloaded at <http://gt.nohvcc.org/>

ELIGIBLE COSTS

Eligible Costs, as specified in each Funding Agreement, will be all direct costs which are in COHV's opinion properly and reasonably incurred and paid by an Eligible Recipient under a contract for goods or services necessary for the implementation of an Eligible Project. Eligible Costs include only the following:

- a) the capital costs of constructing, rehabilitating, upgrading or renovating trails;
- b) the costs of media releases and signage;
- c) the costs of engineering, architectural supervision, testing and management consulting services, including but not limited to fees paid to professionals, technical personnel, consultants and contractors;
- d) the costs of labour, materials, licenses or permits and equipment rental, for the refurbishment and construction of trails;
- e) the costs of labour, materials, licenses or permits and equipment rental, for the refurbishment and construction of water crossings, including but not limited to bridges;
- f) the costs of environmental assessments, monitoring, and follow-up programs as required by federal or provincial legislation;
- g) costs of purchasing and installing signage for trails, including regulatory, safety, directional, interpretive, and trailhead signage; and
- h) other costs that, in the opinion of the Recipient, are considered to be direct and necessary for the successful implementation of an Eligible Project.

Eligible Costs can begin to accrue effective as of the signing date of this Agreement.

B.2. INELIGIBLE COSTS

The following costs are ineligible:

- costs incurred prior to the signing of this Agreement;
- costs incurred after the Eligible Project completion date;
- the cost of developing a business case or proposal for funding;
- the cost of purchasing land and associated real estate and other fees;
- financing charges and interest payments on loans;

Does my project meet the eligibility criteria?

Projects involving construction, upgrade, renovation or rehabilitation of all-terrain vehicle / off-road motorcycle / ROV side-by-side vehicle trails are eligible. More specifically these projects include:

- New trail construction; Trail upgrade/improvement;
- Bridge and water crossing installation and upgrade;
- Trail signage installation;
- Trail rehabilitation.

Can my project be completed by December 15, 2017?

- This funding program applies to the 2017 calendar year. As such, projects should be “shovel ready” and of a scope and size that can be completed by December 15, 2017 by the successful applicant.

What sources of matching funds are eligible?

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Economic Benefits

Across Canada trails are stimulating tourism and recreation-related spending. Local trail users and visitors provide direct economic benefits to hotels, restaurants, retailers, gas stations and other businesses as a result of increases in trail activities.

Project Timelines – March 01, 2017 and December 15, 2017

- **The deadline for receipt of all project applications is March 1, 2017.**
- **All projects must be completed by December 15, 2017. All expenditures must be incurred and paid by December 15th and all documents and receipts must be submitted to COHV by December 31, 2017.**